

# Senate Study Bill 1224 - Introduced

SENATE FILE \_\_\_\_\_  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON ZAUN)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the restoration of voting rights to certain  
2 convicted persons and including effective date provisions.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1      Section 1. NEW SECTION.    914.8    Discharge of sentence —  
2 **defined.**

3 A person shall not be considered to have discharged a  
4 sentence for purposes of Article II, section 5, of the  
5 Constitution of the State of Iowa unless the person has paid  
6 all restitution, court costs, fines, surcharges, or penalties  
7 the person owes as a result of the person's conviction and has  
8 been removed from the sex offender registry established in  
9 chapter 692A.

10       Sec. 2. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect  
11 upon the ratification of the constitutional amendment contained  
12 in House Study Bill 68 or Senate Study Bill 1046 of the  
13 eighty-eighth general assembly pursuant to Article X, section  
14 1, of the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

15       Sec. 3.   CONTINGENT REPEAL.   This Act is repealed if the  
16 constitutional amendment contained in House Study Bill 68 or  
17 Senate Study Bill 1046 of the eighty-eighth general assembly  
18 is not ratified pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the  
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa prior to January 1, 2023.

| 20 | EXPLANATION |
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21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill relates to the definition of a discharge of a  
24 criminal sentence for the purposes of the automatic restoration  
25 of a convicted person's voting rights pursuant to the  
26 constitutional amendment contained in House Study Bill 68 and  
27 Senate Study Bill 1046 of the 88th general assembly. If the  
28 constitutional amendment contained in either bill is ratified  
29 by the electors pursuant to Article X, section 1, of the Iowa  
30 Constitution, the bill becomes effective and defines the  
31 discharge of a criminal sentence as including the payment of  
32 all restitution, court costs, fines, surcharges, or penalties  
33 the person owes as a result of the person's conviction and  
34 removal from the sex offender registry established in Code  
35 chapter 692A. The bill is repealed if the constitutional

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1 amendment contained in House Study Bill 68 or Senate Study  
2 Bill 1046 of the 88th general assembly is not ratified prior  
3 to January 1, 2023.